

Government" by way of notification made under Section 10 of this Act have prohibited engagement of contract labour in such process/ work/job in those establishments.

The provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act apply to workers appointed on contract basis directly by the Principal Employer whereas the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition), Act 1970 applies to contract workers engaged through a contractor or subcontractor. The licensing authorities while granting a licence to the contractors bring to their notice the provisions of the Act and the rules with regard to wages and other facilities to be extended to the contract labour as a condition of the licence.

Child labourers in hazardous industry

2960. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of child labourers still working in the hazardous industries;
- (b) what efforts are being made to modify and improve the existing National Child Labour Project; and
- (c) how many children have been benefited under the National Child Labour Project and the State-wise details for coverage of the same in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Authentic information on child labour in the country is generated during the decennial Census. According to the 1991 Census, the number of working children in India is 11.28 million. Sector-wise number of working children are not maintained.

(b) Evaluation of identified NCLPs was undertaken by evaluation agencies, Inter-Ministerial teams and is also continuously monitored through periodical reports and reviews at the Centre, State and District levels. A Central Monitoring Committee, under the Chairmanship of Labour Secretary, has also been set up for the overall supervision, monitoring and evaluation of the NCLPs. The

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working of child labour projects has recently been reviewed in a National Conference on Child Labour held in January 2001. Necessary interventions to improve the functioning of projects are made when necessary. The budget for the projects has been revised with effect from the next financial year.

(c) Under the Scheme of NCLP, projects have been sanctioned for coverage of a total of 2,11 *800 child labour by 3672 special schools in 13 child labour endemic states. State-wise details of coverage are as under:—

	Sanctioned No. of		Actual Coverage	
	Schools	Children	Schools	Children
Andhra Pradesh (22)	975	61050	999	65541
Bihar (8)	194	12200	194	12016
Karnataka (4)	150	7500	69	3018
Madhya Pradesh (8)	237	14500	140	7308
Maharashtra (2)	74	3700	61	3184
Orissa (18)	614	36750	580	34620
Rajasthan (6)	180	9000	136	6800
Tamil Nadu (9)	425	21900	414	20654
Uttar Pradesh (11)	370	22500	307	18567
West Bengal (8)	346	17350	279	13941
Punjab (3)	107	5350	27	1350
GRAND TOTAL (99)	3672	211800	3206	186999